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SUBJ: CASE OF RABBI SOBEL

REF: KULICK LETTER OF JULY 27

1. THE EMBASSY RAISED THE CASE OF RABBI SOBEL WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND HAS NOW RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING INTERIM ORAL RESPONSE.

2. AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO LOOK INTO THE QUESTION OF THE STATE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND THE QUESTION OF PAYMENT OF DAMAGES. THE COMMITTEE WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO REACH A DECISION IN THE CASE. THE MFA DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER THE ISRAELI EMBASSY OR THE MINISTRY HERE HAS BEEN NEGLIGENT IN DEALING WITH THE MATTER; ON THE CONTRARY, IT HAS RECEIVED THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION. A PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE CASE DOES NOT SHOW ANY STATE RESPONSIBILITY BECAUSE COHEN WAS ON A PRIVATE TRIP WITH RABBI SOBEL AT THE TIME OF THE FATAL ACCIDENT AND WAS NOT ON OFFICIAL DUTY. IN ADDITION, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF NEGLIGENCE ON COHEN'S PART, AND THERE ARE VARYING VERSIONS FROM WITNESSES ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACCIDENT. THE SOBEL FAMILY HAS ALWAYS
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HAD THE POSSIBILITY, AND STILL DOES TODAY, OF SEEKING REDRESS IN AN ISRAELI COURT.

3. WE WILL FORWARD ANY FURTHER COMMUNICATION OR INFORMATION WITHOUT DELAY.
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